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CAST

Larry O'Donnell, the Fighting Sheriff-

Jeff Bains

G. Smiley, the Mine Superintendent

Madge Blair, the Postmistress.

Bill Cody

Frank Ellis.

Walter Shumway

Hazel Holt.

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Letigo was a small western town, on the fringe of the platinum mining district. It boasted a combination telephone and post office, presided over by a recent arrival from the east, Madge Blair, and Jeff Bains had kept close herd on her ever since she hit town. Jeff was prominent in local affairs and in spite of his evil reputation there were some people who trusted him and others who believed in him.

Larry O'Donnell, the Fighting Sheriff, had made himself thoroughly hated by the tough element of the town, and found in Madge an attraction that drew him from his office at every possible opportunity.

"The ore shipment from the platinum mine is being held up!" A hurried messenger jerked the words out as he panted in

front of the Sheriff and Jeff as they stood at the counter in the little telephone office. Larry galvanized to action and with a posse at his heels swept out of the town to relieve the mine guards entrusted with the pack train.

The lawless deeds of the mysterious wolf pack had long been a thorn in the side of the sheriff, and as the 'wolves' saw the posse coming to the rescue they were forced to disappear and leave the valuable shipment on the backs of the burros.

"This is the second shipment that I've moved secretly, and yet the Wolf Gang find out in time to ambush us here" testily complained Smiley, the Mine Superintendent.

"Better corral the ore in my office for to-night and push on to the refinery in the morning" suggested Larry, and his men formed a guard around the ore train, as it started back to town.

Warned by a premonition of impending evil, Larry took personal charge of the valuable shipment, but Jeff Bains, the head of the Wolves sent two of his trusted lieutenants Slim and Shorty with additional help to get possession of the ore. Gaining access to the office Slim and Shorty attacked the unsuspecting Larry and as he lay unconscious on the floor the ore sacks were hurriedly taken from the cell. Larry recovered consciousness in time to pursue the fleeing Slim as Madge with some of the townspeople, attracted by a flashing light on the switchboard when the telephone overturned in the struggle, hurried into the office and with a hastily organized posse started after the two men.

Slim, with Larry close on his heels, tried to cross the lake by swimming but Larry climbed a tree with a bough hanging over the water and dropped on to Slim. Again Larry suffered in the fight and Slim's brutal attack sent him down under the surface.

Slim, making his way on foot, met Madge and Jeff with Smiley, and Buck, one of Larry's deputies. Slim told of the Sheriff's attempted escape and accused Larry of stealing the ore. Madge denied this but the evidence seemed too convincing and Slim further helped the accusation by telling them that the Sheriff had escaped across the state line.

From out of the desert wandered 'Desert' Charley with his burros, and at the edge of the lake he discovered the unconscious Sheriff. Hastily packing him on his burros he took the wounded man to his cabin where he nursed him back to health. But Larry's mind was a blank and the old prospector decided that a sight of Latigo might help to restore the lost memory.

In Latigo Larry's absence had been accepted as a proof of his guilt and Jeff Bains had himself appointed Sheriff until the next election was held. He fired both of Larry's deputies and installed Slim and Shorty as his assistants. Guided by the Desert Rat, Larry entered the Sheriff's office. Jeff saw the vacant stare- he ordered Larry's arrest. Madge could not bring back the intelligence to the brown eyes. Slim tried to take Larry to his cell, but resisting Larry fought her

struggle brought back his mind. Jeff Bains ordered him back into the cell despite Madge's entreaties but Jeff had a warrant for the Sheriff's arrest for robbery and no other course was open.

With Buck, his old Deputies' assistance, Larry escaped from the cell and feeling sure of Slim's guilt he raided Slim's room and found evidence there in the shape of letters between Jeff and the Smelter. Realizing that he had to get back into the office to become effective Larry hastily wrote a letter to the Governor enclosing his proof of Jeff's perfidy. As Jeff tried to get into the room Larry hurled the letter to Madge on the side walk below and yelled for her to mail it. Jeff hurried downstairs and seized the panic-stricken girl who barely had time to secrete the letter. Larry sprang to her assistance and the girl hurried away as the men battled and Larry knocking Jeff down hastily made his escape.

In the Post Office Madge refused to surrender the incriminating document and Jeff eyed the night mail sack as it went to the depot for shipment. With a hurried word to his confederates he returned to the Post Office to prepare an alibi while the two men outside followed the mail man down to the station.

Larry listened to the counsel of Buck as they hid away in an old barn - he must wait until the letter reached the Governor and an order came back for his reinstatement.

In the Post Office the wounded messenger was laid on the floor as Madge listened to details of the attack. Jeff standing by made a hasty exit as tho' to organize a posse.

At Jeff's home Slim and Shorty opened up the mail sack and were amazed to discover that the incriminating letter was missing and Jeff as soon as he heard the news disguised his voice and telephoned to the girl telling her that he as Larry had recovered the mail sack. Madge hastily hanging up started away to get the mail and when Larry came in later, he was astounded to hear of the deception. Fortunately Madge had told them where she was going and Larry started in pur-

Madge was admitted to Jeff's home where she rapidly discovered the deception and Jeff started to take the letter from her that she still had hidden in her waist. Larry arrived in time to protect her from Jeff's attack, but Jeff had got possession of the letter and he made his escape with Larry close behind him. At the end of a long slide Larry threw himself on Jeff and Jeff went rolling to the bottom of the steep grade, all in, with Larry close behind him.

In Jeff's home the representatives of the Governor arrived and Larry delivered up the letter containing the incriminating evidence. Larry was reinstated and Jeff and his confederates taken off to jail as Madge and Larry realized that at last happiness lay in store for them.

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